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The Reply Brief filed on June 7, 2004 has been entered, considered and forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the Appeal. However, the Amendment to the Claims, which was also filed on June 7, 2004, has NOT and will NOT be entered due to the fact that it changes the scope of the claims and it is not readily ascertainable, without further search and or consideration, whether such Amendment would place the instant application in condition for allowance. (See 37 CFR 1.116).

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